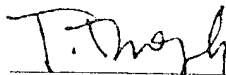


REMARKS

Preliminarily to the examination of the above-identified patent application the applicant submits herewith amendments to the claims adding two independent claims as well as amendments to the Abstract.

If for any reason this Preliminary Amendment is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

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